

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 5-8 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 18, 2008.

Claim 8 has been amended herein to correct its dependency from claim 1 to independent claim 5. In the Amendment filed November 5, 2007, claim 1 was canceled and claim 5 rewritten in independent form in order to expedite prosecution in view of the Examiner's objection that claim 5 was "a substantial duplicate of claim 1." Office Action dated August 17, 2007, at page 3. However, claim 8, which originally depended from claim 1, was inadvertently not amended to depend from claim 5.

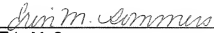
Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 8 herein solely to correct its dependency. That amendment is supported in the specification and claims as originally filed and does not add new matter. Applicants submit that the proposed amendment of claim 8 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicants assert that the present amendment does not affect the Examiner's allowance of the claims in any way. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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